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FOR: SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A SIP
RECEPTOR AGONIST AND A SUGAR ALCOHOL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following preliminary amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.